

FCAT SCIENCE TEST CLUES

Turn off all cell phones, do not put on vibrate!

You are to bring a #2 pencil, not a mechanical pencil, to the test.

A calculator and reference sheet will be provided for your use.

**ESOL students may use a Heritage to Language dictionary only.
Absolutely no electronic devices may be used.**

ESOL and ESE students may have extended time to complete the test.

MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

Read the information provided and the question carefully.

Study any pictures, charts, and/or tables presented.

Look at the answer choices and determine the information and/or procedures needed to find the solution.

Reread the question.

Choose your answer and fill in the bubble to match your choice. Check your work.

A multiple-choice question is equal to 1 raw point and should take about 1 minute to answer.

GRIDDED RESPONSES

Read the information provided and the question carefully. Then solve the problem.

You are not required to show your work for gridded responses; however, you may use the white space in the test book to do your calculations.

Once you have solved the problem, write your answer in the boxes on the answer grid and fill in the bubbles to match your answer. Make sure the boxes and bubbles are filled in correctly and match each other.

If your answer will not fit in the response grid, check your work. Remember that you might need to round your answer or use another form of the number.

A girded-response question is equal to 1 raw point and should take you about 1 1/2 minutes to complete.

SHORT AND EXTENDED RESPONSES

READ: Read the question carefully. Study any pictures, charts, and/or tables. Think about what you are asked to do.

INQUIRE: Recall what you know about the science that is presented. Remember what you have learned in class and/or by doing experiments. Determine which science theories and procedures apply to the situation presented.

EXPLAIN: Respond to each part of the question. Formulate and write a complete answer using scientific terms and concepts.

It should take about 5 minutes to answer each short response question. You can earn up to 2 raw points per question. It should take you 10 – 15 minutes for each extended response. You can earn up to 4 raw points per question. Use as much of the recommended time as you need.

Be sure to keep your writing or drawings inside the box. At least 2 different people will be grading your responses. Write legibly and only on the lines provided. You must follow the directions!

Answer as much of the question as you can because partially correct answers may receive credit.

When you have finished, reread the question and your answer to make sure your answer is clear, accurate, and thorough.